# The Guests of Mountain Resorts Greet Arribal of Early Autumn With Delight

## MENNONITES WHO I IVE IN THE VALLEY

After Centuries of Wrong They Enjoy Earth's Blesssings.

ADHERE TO PECULIAR TENETS

Were !Non-Combatants and Suffered Much Hardship Rather Than Fire a Gun-They Now Adhere to Their Peculiarities in Dress.

to the dictates of their conscience, and are in no ways bound by party ties.

Their early history furnishes a recital of ways unresistingly borne and a equaled. The original home of this sect es on the banks of the Rhine in the present canton of Zruick, Switzerland, and it was there as for back as 1525 that Crabel, one of the carliest of the German and discipline, as being the primary law ligion placed them in an attitude of sober singularity before the world. As time went by large and flourishing colosprung up in Switzerland, France, any, and Holland, but they were to suffer persecutions worse than inflicted on members of other reof Crabel together, taught them anti-var spirits, and that the Church and state were different institutions, also toleration to all other believ-For twelve years before this they known as Baptists. After this they known as Mennish-Mennorists or

AGAINST INFANT BAPTISM.

first landed in America in 1683, settling that distant day their wear-

breeches and stockings, all of that color.

The women's attire consisted of a bodice, with lindsey frock, while each wore a neckerchief and a frilled cap.

The first meeting-house was erected in narry of friends. Germantown, Pa., in 1708. It was built Germantown, Pa., in 1708. It was built of logs, was very plain inside and out. A quaint edifice, but with no effort at ornamentation whatever. Just prior to the revolutionary war there were thirteen congregations in Pennsylvania, with fifteen Bishops, forty-two meeting-houses, and fifty-three subordinate ministers. The Mennanties of the private the The Mennonites first entered the valley of Virginia in 1754 and settled at Woodstock from that time until about 1780 there was a steady stream of immigration and large numbers settled in the counties of Page and Shenandoah. These pioneers built no meeting-houses, but orshiped at first one neighbor's house then another. They still clung to the mother tongue and spoke German exclu-sively, preserving the habits, language, religious customs, etc., of their forefa-thers, teaching their children the same and allowing no dancing or match-shoot-ing. The first settlers at Woodstock were of meagre education, and no records were kept by them and to-day they unmarked graves. Owing to Lord Fairfax coming into possession of the lands they had settled, they found the lands they had settled, they found themselves not owners, as they imagined, but simply squatters, and prefering to possess homes, the titles of which were incontestible. Numbers of them moved incontestible. Numbers of them moved into Rockingham county, forming settle-ments at where the towns of Timber-ville, Broadway, and Furleytown now stand, the latter is said to be the oldest town in Rockingham county.

FIRST MEETING HOUSE.

Their first meeting house was erected in 1822 in Lynville Creek Valley. There in 1822 in Lynville Creek Valley. There are at present twelve places of worship in Rockingham county. About the time the first place of public worship was erected, dissensions arose, owing to the opposition from many of the older members who were opposed to this style of worship—another cause was the speaking of the English Janguage. German having worship—another cause was the speaking of the English language, German havinghitherto been spoken exclusively. These troubles have long since been adjusted and now English is spoken and the younger generation who attended the public district's schools speak English altogether. Prior to the Civil War the church was divided into two districts each district but subjects to meetings, of

hardship during the Civil War owing to their ideas in regard to non-resistance Many of them belonged to old militia, but would not attend meetings, paying the fine for non-appearance instead.

NON-COMBATANTS.

When the war broke out they went along with the troops, but never fired a musket. In 1862 they were conscripted but being opposed to wars collected in large numbers and endeavored to make good their escape to Ohio, where there were Minnorites' settlements. They were overtaken, captured and taken to the Their brehtren in Rockingnam being apprised of this, a meeting was called and two of the brethren were appointed a committee to go to Richmond and use their influence to secure their release.

Upon their presenting their case before the Confederate Congress then assembled, the prisoners were released upon the payment of a fine of \$500 each. Many were unable to raise this amount individually.

ten years foreign and domestic mission work has been taken up. And this peo-ple who suffered so much for their re-ligious bellef in the fatherland as well s in America have been becoming more ly Americanized, but in principles of faith and form of doctrine, the Minnorites of to-day stand on the same platform of principles with their forefathers of sev

eral centuries ago.

Hishop L. J. Heatwolde, who resides at Dale Enterprise, about two and one-half miles from Harisonburg, was interviewed by your correspondent on Monday last. The bishop is at present enday last. The bishop is at present engaged on a history of his people. He has accumulated much interesting data. His work will treat of the early history of the Minnorites, of their trials and sufferings, and so on up to the present day. Lishop Heatwolde is also engaged in asfee has in his possession the reaction of family tree dating as far back as early part of seventeenth century. It was through his courtesy that many facts in this sketch of his people were obtained.

J. M. B.

### THE WARM SPRINGS

More Richmonders Than Any Time During the Season-White Sulphur. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WARM SULPHUR SPRINGS, Sept. 6 .-This week has been one of great pleasure and full of social events. The Warm Springs hotel yet has as many guests as it can accommodate, and as vacancies are made there are others who at once fill them. Richmond now has a larger

by the band was lovely, and the children danced until 12 o'clock, when refreshments

tournament was given by Dr. Wickes, of Cincinnati, O., and two handsome prizes were given. Miss Lottie Halle, of Staunton, Va., won the ladies' prize (an elegant silver ink stand), and the gent's prize was carried off by Colonel Denny. of Washington, D. C. (a lovely silver

of the most unique card parties of the season given, one by Mrs. Edward Rob-Philadelphia, which was an used and twenty-five players par

dinner and gave this old resort a close inspection, enjoyed the company of their Richmond friends until a late hour, and, after bathing in the pools, left again for

Miss Graham, of Cincinnati offered prizes and gave two pretty handicap golf tournaments Wednesday and Thursday. There were about twenty-five ladies and thirty gentlemen who played Refresh-ments were served on the lawn, while the strains of music from Prof. Winters'

Among the recent arrivals are Miss Witherspoon, Mayesville, S. C.; Mrs. William H. Powell, Madison, Ind.; R A. Harrison, Petersburg, Va.; Miss M. M. Condon, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Gertrude Dunlap, Summerdean, Va.; D. S. Condon and wife, Summerdean, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Seeger, Miss Elsie P Seeger, Pikeville, Md.; Miss Addie John-son, Griffith Larkum, Washington, D. C. E. B. McHorney, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. E. W. Blakesblee, Newport News, Va.; W. J Byrd, Cincinnati, O.; L. W. T. Wickham. Virginia; C. E. Doyle, Mrs. C. E. Doyle, Miss Alice Doyle, Master Hobert E. Doyle, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. R. W. Glilette, Master Rufus Gillette, Illinois; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Vishart, Philadelphia Pa.; F. S. Denny, Washington, D. C.: Miss Susan S Blossom, St. Louis, Mo. R A. Thornton, Lexington, Ky.; Miss Josephine Davis. Washington, D. C.; Miss Mary Ross, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. E. B. Gage, Cambridge, Md.; Mrs. peed, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Mc Roberts, Chicago, Ill.; Lilburn T. Myers, Levin Joynes, Dudley McDonald, Rich-nond, Va.; William H. Felton, Macon. Ga.; G. Pantleoni, St. Louis, Mo.; C. Stokes, Baltimore, Md.; G. F. Darnell, Millbore, Va.; Charles Elliott, Wilmington, N. C.; W. H. Allison, Richmond. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lenox S. Rose, Mad-lson, N. J.; Joseph H. Morrow, Philadel-phia, Pa.; Mrs. Benjamin Mecue, Washngton, D. C.; Mrs. R. H. Davis, Phila delphia, Pa : Mrs Charles Gambill, Mis Spencer, Miss Hollingsworth, Miss Bessie Spencer, Mr. Richard J. Hollingsworth, T. C. Hollingsworth, Baltimore. Md.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Walker, Miss Diana Walker, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. A. V. Haight, Poughkeepsle, N. Y.; Miss Dor-othy Sproud, Chester, Pa.; John Roach

People at West Point.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

Spencer, of Memphis, is visiting his pa-

rents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Spencer, of

Mrs. W. R. Broaddus and son, Rich-

Mr. E. Wilkinson left on the Baltimor

Mr. E. Wilkinson left on the Baltimore steamer Wednesday for Philadelphia and other Northern cities on business. Mr. B. F. C. Rothwell, proprietor of the Terminal Hotel returned from Philadel-

phia this morning.

Mr. A. Julian Bagby is on the sick list.

Mr. R. O Garrett, who has been clerk at the Terminal through the season, has

returned to his home at King William

Courthouse.

Mr. E. L. Lipscomb has been giving

his friends some very fine watermelons, only requiring them to save the seed for im Mr. Lipscomb sells the seed from

im Mr. Lipscomb sells the seed from these melons at \$1 per pound, and cannot

The E. S. Adkins Lumber Company, of West Point, has purchased considera-ble timber in the lower part of King and

Queen county recently. Mr. Sam Garret

s the successful manager for this com-

and are spending some time in Bedford.

West Point.

supply the demand.

WEST POINT, VA., Sept. 6.-Flourney

Swiftly. "(Special Dispatch to The Times.) Sproud, Chester, Pa.; Thomas B. Bryan

MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA., Sept. 5.-The last week at Massanetta has passed most delightfully. Mrs. William T. Robins arrived on Monday with little Miss Laura Jones, of Richmond

rived on Friday and Mr. Charles E. Kemper, supervising architect of the Treasury Department, will come on Mon-The Seven-hand Euchre Club met on

Thursday. The grove was decorated with golden rod, and the game was, as usual, spirited and pleasant. These golden days pass swiftly under the shadows of the grand old oaks, and the guests will linger on until the frosty days of October drive them home.

### MRS. CRAWFORD DEPARTS

The Woman Who Came All of the Way from Ohio Returns Home.

Mrs. Charles Crawford, who came all the way from Ironton, Ohio, to find her husband, who left there last fall, returndto her home last nighthappy and contented. She found Mr. Crawford and it was arranged between them that he should remain here a month, so he could get some funds together and at that time he will return to Ironton to his wife and four children.

Russet Days.

New Lease on Life.

celsior to the Top of Wild Cat Knob.

A Grand View as a Reward

for So Much Energy,

(Special Dispatch to the Times.)

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA., Sept. 6 .-

Ridge world a new lease on life and the

dolph, of Tallahassee, Fla., was a grand

ter climbing upward for more than an

hour, reached the top of "Wild Cat

Knob," where a grand wiew of the

country for miles could be enjoyed. In

one direction Lynchburg was plainly vis-ible, while Roanoke lay almost at their feet. A roward for energy and perseve-rance was awaiting the party, this was

a very appetizing lunch, which was tho-

roughly enjoyed by all. After a short rest, the party wended their homeward way, reaching the hotel in good season.

THE BAL POUDRE.

whether it be in walking, riding or dan-cing costume; but the "bal Poudre,"

Powdered hair, paint and patches with the quintest of gowns, made the wearers

look as though they had just stepped from old-time picture frames, while the

caux were almost as quaint in their

every figure, all of which were new and pretty. The favors were dainty fans, horns, flags, parasols and flowers, pink

easiness among the gallants as each in

and quite effective, as the maids stood in line holding aloft lighted candles in pink

could blow them out and claim the

Mr. Chris Hamner of Lynchburg, Va. was honored by the young ladies in be-ing asked to lead, which he did in royal

la, Fla., and Mrs. John Winthrop and Mrs. A. L. Randolph of Tallahassee, Fla.

bowl, and all toasted the five fair hos-

tesses. I have left the best for the last namely, to tell the names of the maids who gave this delightful affair. They were Mary Payne, Mary and Elizabeth

Adams and Mary and Rebecca Anderson. CARD PARTIES.

tered for the week; one given by Mrs.

Fenwick, of Washington, D. C., and en-

joyed by sixteen ladies, and the other "chip-in" progressive suchre of six table enjoyed by gentlemen and ladies. Th

prizes on both occasion were unique and

beautiful. Our host, Mr. Phil F. Brown

has just arranged with the Lynchburg and Roanoke "Gun Clubs" for a clay pigeon contest here on the 20th. The

most approved machines have been se-cured by Mr. Brown, and no doubt clay pigeon shooting will become one of the

most popular pastimes at this favorite

Arrivals and departures are the order of the day, and they mingle joy and regret. The season promises to see Sep-

Some of the notable arrivals of the

ret Hobson, the mother and sister of the naval hero; Mr. and Mrs. F. Dickinson.

of Richmond, Va.; Colonel James Mann, of Nottoway, Va.; Mr. D. F. Jack the general traffic manager oft the Plan

System, and his interesting family, who arrived in their private car some days

We have a delightful addition in Mrs.

Walker, Mrs. Dox, Mrs. Bolling, and Mr. R. W. Bolling, all of Huntsville, Ala. Colonel Mann, Mr. J. C. Jack, and Mr.

Bolling are a jolly and interesting trio

MASSANETTA SPRINGS

Golden Days of Early Autumn Pass

tember out and October in,

A Party of Thirty Play the Role of Ex. The Crisp, Clear Air Calls to Activity the Energies of the Indolent, and Outdoor Life Takes Place of Lolling in Downy Places.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., Sept. 5.-These beautiful September days September, with its rich autumn tints are being thoroughly enjoyed by the sevand keen bracing air has given the Blue eral hundred people who will remain a the White until the very last moment whirl of gayety is as great as it was in To those who have thoroughly enjoyed the gayety of the brilliant season just August. Mountain climbs are all the closed, these informal happy days are no less enjoyable, than to those who have rage, and that given by Mrs. A. L. Ranselected this quiet time to enjoy a rest from business or household cares, before returning to town. hotel Saturday afternoon at four, and af-

Friends are able to see more of each other now that the strenuous demands of

social life are no more.

Card parties still hold their own. Mrs. Kellogg of Washington save party this morning; Mrs. Stettimus won party this morning; Mrs. Thomas of Char party this morning; Mrs. Stetumus won the first prize. Mrs. Thomas of Char-leston, W. Va., and Mrs. Petzer, of Char-leston, S. C. entertained on Saturday in

RIDING AND DRIVING. Riding and driving is a favorite past-time and the delightful weather of the past few days has made walking a real pleasure. Several ambitious pedestrians even boast of having reached the top of

Kates' Mountain. 'Goodbyes' are being said rejuctantly but always with the comforting assurance of meeting next summer. The great charm of the old White is the certainty of meeting old friends each visit, even the servants, one of the striking features of the place, greet on on his return even after a year's absence as if the parting was but yesterday. One finds their own particular household gods in their right places, and the home-like feeling that comes to one as they seek their cottages in Georgia, Florida or Baltimore in unknown to the visitors of any other re-sort in this country. After all, there is but one "White Sulphur."

Col. John McAnerney is here from New York and received a hearty welcome from his old friends. Col. McAnerney is very loyal to the White and comes every sea on for the last few weeks. Ex-Post master, Dayton, of New York is another prominent New Yorker who came late. Unlike Col. McAnerney, it is Mr. Dayton's first visit but he and Mrs. Dayton express themselves as delighted with their school girl was one of the great favor ites of the young set. Among the arrivals this week are Col. and Mrs. Archer Anderson, Mrs. Frank G. Williams, Mr. G. Watson James, Mr. W. G. Ferguson, Mrs. H. McCauley of Washington, the daughters of Col. Arthur Herbert of Alex-

andria, who spent some time here earlier in the season.

Mrs. Clarence Knowles of Atlanta, who the social life here, has been here for a few days. Since Mr. Knowles' death, Mrs. Knowles has lived in New York. Miss Nina Johnson and Miss Carrie ing Mrs. Davis at her cottage here

### THE ROCKBRIDGE ALUM

Golf, Picnics, Walks, Rides and Drives Are the Delights of Autumn. (Special Dispatch to The Times:)

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, Sept.,—With the advent of September in the Virginia mountains, comes the realization that early autumn in its racy at-Virginia mountains, comes the realization that early autumn in its racy atmosphere, its gorgeous coloring, its unclouded days and its mellow haze, making the blue hills seem even bluer, is the most glorious part of all the season. Some faces are missed, it is true, from the merry company at the Rock Alum, but those who remain but draw the band or good-fellowship closer and turn for consolation to nature's out-of-door playground, which is in its fullest perfection just now. Even the laziest and most languid of loiterers among the whilom summer girls grow alert and active on the September golf grounds, where the air is just keen enough to keep caddies and players well to the front and where Mr. Frazier, the Misses Waddill, Mr. Woodhull, Mrs. Norfleet, Miss Slaughter, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Darst and Dr. and Mrs. Miller play over a quick accompaniment to clicking of the balls and grow daily more expert in the great Scotch-American game of games.

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more expert in the great Scotch-American game of games.

July and August have many distinctive charms of their own but they cannot hope to rival September, the queen of both in the joy she affords to mountain pedestrians and equestrians. Morning waixing parties bring down the Rockbridge Alum belles to breakfast in their natty short skirts and trimly fitting jackets, their Knox sallor hats and their manmade shoes. When breakfast is dispatched stout walking canes are seized and with their chosen cavallers the belles vanish out of sight "over the hills and far away," on business and on pleasure bent. A little later and these parties will visit the chestnut trees in their excursion. The touch of autumn is loosening the burs which hold the brown and glossy treasures. When the tramps come home some afternoon they will bring their baskets full of nuts and then they will find occupation beside the wood fire and the hospitable hearth in roasting their spoils and forecasting fortunes in so doing. Miss Annetta Polk leads the pedestrian band and Mr. Woodhull is a close second. As for the riders and drivers they take in all classes from the most mature to the most frivolous and the neighborhood of the Alum having the most picturesque and interesting localities, there is never any lack of objective points for the picnics and fruit feasts that are being constantly devised for the enjoyment of all. Traps, buggies and wagonettes taking out the participators in such gayeites frequently return filled with sheaves of golden rod, flaming branches of crimson, maple and great bunches of yellow, flaunting black eyed Susans, the spoils of lavish autumn, which make the prettiest and brightest of interior decorations. The Misses Waddill, Miss Annie Mayer, Mr. Mayer and Miss Julia E. Spadies are generally the moving spirits in these outings.

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erally the moving spirits in these outings.
Cards come in afresh with September and with dancing make the favorite pastime of the evenings. All games are altowable but whist, suchre and hearts are the favorites. "Chip-in euchre" are very lively things and "bridge-whist" is convenient for using up one's spare change, a few pennies on the game increasing its itnerest wonderfully. Mrs. Waddill is an expert at cards and is an indispensable figure in all card functions,

## NOT MELANCHOLY GIVEN NEW IMPETUS AT THE OLD WHITE! DAYS AT CROCKET?

Guests at Blue Ridge Take a Several Hundred Who Enjoy the They Become More and More Delightful With Cooler Weather.

### MCUNTAIN CLIMBS THE RAGE | CARD PARTIES HOLD THE DAY | A SPLENDID MOUNTAIN TRIP

A Spot Where a Grain of Sand Ma Turn a Drop of Water from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico. A Library Party.

CROCKETT SPRINGS, VA., Sept. 6 .-Presumably the melancholy days have come, but at Crockett they are not so. There are still a large number of guests and the hours pass with the usual pleasant diversions, and with the imbibing of water in remarkable quantifies. The days are becoming more and more delightful, with a crisp and invigorating sharpness that sets the blood aglow with a new life.

Last week a party of gentlemen made a trip on horseback to Porr Mountain. They left here in the early morning well fortified against famine till their return at supper time. The way was rough and at suppor time. The way was rough and precipitous, with an occasional element of danger that gave a spice of excite marked the spot where an engineering corps had had their observatory. There s a tree, too, distinguished above its fellows in that it stands at the very parting of the waters, where the minutest grain of sand may turn a drop of water from the Atlantic Ocean into the Gulf of Mexico. A fine view of the moun-tains and of several counties is obtained here, and Crockett, too, can be seen nestling in the mountains, a spot of white

One evening a library party made the ball-room an unusually gay and animated scene. For the books, right royal guests, as the grave, were our guests, and walked

There were 'A Virginian and the Rul-ing Passion,' who made a "full house," and When Knighthood Was in Flower Tipped Arms with The Voice of the People like a republican, while Loose Heel and My Lady Nicotine were of kindred spirits. The Sign of the Four was seen with The Admirer's Ward, and of the Cottage Patch led the march, with Greenleaf on Evidence, and close behind them followed, hand in hand, The Old-fashioned Girl and Twenty Years After, while The Kentucky Cardinal and Black Beauty, pretty contrasts, were not far

Hunted and two-stepped with The Last of the Mohicans. Of the Crockettites who were present. Mr. Byrd Henry, made the address, Mrs. Buchanan received Mrs Brewster and Mr. Lybrook and Mrs. Royall and Mr. Katzmeyer were consoled with a sure and sweet conso-

Op Tuesday evening there was a very delightful progressive cuchre party given by Mrs. Tatum and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brewster, of New York. A novel feature for games, the highest number of points took the prize. Mrs. Coburn won the first prize, Mr. J. B. Thomas the second, Mr. Hansen the third, and Mrs. Noyes the fourth. The prizes given were very handsome, and the evening in every way was a most delightful one. Refreshments were served after the game. The novel game will certainly be repeated another season, for it was most entertaining, and all

who played will be more than pleased to join in another next season. Among the late arrivals are A. E. Hamnond, Mrs. A. B. Hammond, E. M. Ham mond Miss Charlotte Gale and Robb Gavock, Wytheville; Mr. Josephus Daniels and son, Raleigh, N. C.; Miss M. Parrott, Miss E. Parrott, Miss I. R. Edmonds, Mrs. A. G. Evans, Dayton, Ohio S. Walton, Walton Sudduth, Nannio Sud-duth, Falls Mills, Va.; W. G. Cain, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. S. S. Gibbs, Mrs. S. Gibb nd Miss L. Gibbs, Huntsville, Texas E. Summerman and children, Max Mead-ow; Mrs. R. S. Crook, Miss Aileen Crook, Miss Pauline Crook, Vicksburg, Miss.; C. E Grammer and wife, Mrs. J. E. Gran mer, Bessle Grammer, Mrs. A. Stock and daughter, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. K. Moody, Mrs. O. K. Lyle, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. B. B. Green has come up from Pognoke for a few days on account of

### THE INTERMONT

his ill (health.

An Elegant German Tendered Guests · by the Proprietor.

(Special Dispatch to The Times COVINGTON, VA., Sept. 6.-M. Horace Bell, manager of the Interment, on Thursday night tendered his friends a germa which was one of the prettiest affairs of the season. The Sweet Springs orchestra. made up of six accomplished musicians and the hotel orchestra furnished the music. At 11 o'clock a dainty collatio was served on the western veranda. Mr. Bell, with Miss Charlotte Stephen on, of Warm Springs, led the counter through the various figures, and the other couples were Miss Margaret Alien and Charles P. Jones, Jr.; Miss Elinor Drane, Piedmont, W. Va., and Thomas Stiring Miss Gatewood Stephenson, Warm Springs, and Montague Skeene; Miss Lillian Gli-christ, Wilmington, N. C., and Richard Gilliam; Miss Willie Stratton, Lewisburg W. Va., and George Nettleton; Miss Brat-ton, Princess Anne, Md., and Dudley Gil-liam; Miss Beatrice Chapman and Hugh McAllister; Miss Emma Gilliam Eag Rock, Va., and Winfield Young: Miss Campbell, Galveston, Texas, and Lyle Hope: Miss Susie Parker and R. Lee Wood, Miss Ida Anderson and Add Mc Allister, Miss Minor Bias and Aubrey Carrier, Miss Lillian Carpenter and Ed-ward Crawford, Miss Virgie Fudge and

toe Fudge, Jr., Miss Hilda Morris, Rich

M. Nettleton, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mes-

Patch, Va., and Mack England; Annie Lear and John Delaplane,

Hallie Gilliam and Joe Gilliam, Mrs. Frank Wyatt and J. W. Williamson, Mrs. B G. Hirons and Mr. Hirons, Mrs. Andrew Fudge and Mr. Fudge, Mrs. R. F. Bopes and Mr. Bopes. The stags were Messrs. Barbour, Louis-Ville, Ky., and Julian McAllister and William Anderson, Jr. The chaperons were Mrs. G. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E.

dames Smith, Gilchrist, Campbell, Brat-ton, Hon. and Mrs. H. L. Garrett. Arrivals at the Intermont the past three and Mrs. D. Shanahan, C. M. Shanahan J. Ignatius Shanahan, Louisville, Ky. W. W. Johnson, Gifford Lewis, W. H

Lorraine, G. Dettelback, Lee Rein S. Wiley, C. D. Nimmo, Clifton Forge; James T. Lightner, Rich Patch; Captain H E. W. Rumbold, Miss Ethel Rumbold, England; Miss Mattle Biggs, Virginia; Griffith Larence, Washington, D. C.; Ed-ward Scabill, Maysville, Ky.; J. L. Sheppard, Lynchburg; Joseph Debar and wife, Cincinnati; Mrs. G. D. Kilne, Virginia, James Ireland, Fort Spring, W. Va.; Samuel D. Hamer, New York; R. H. Randolph, Arrington, Va.; A. M. Sentz Randolph, Arrington, Va.; A. M. Sentz, George A. Revercomb, H. L. Garrett, J. T. Dupuy, Virginia; S. Brown Allen, Staunton; John H. Thomas, Washington, D. C.; George P. Hitchcook, Oriskany, N. Y.; P. Morris Menseer, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Foxall Daingerfield, Lexicator V.

### **GOVERNOR IN LEESBURG**

Holds Informal Reception and Meets Old Friends.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEESBURG, VA., Sept. 6 .- Governor and Mrs. A. J. Montague, who were the guests for several days of Hon. Henry Fairfax, at Oak Hill, have returned to Richmond.

Monday morning the Governor, Mrs Montague, and Mr. Fairfax took break fast with Mr. E. B. White, after which the party drove to Leesburg, where the

Mrs. Charles Birkby, of this town, had a very serious accident to happen to her while shopping in Baltimore the first a stairway, sustaining painful injuries. The September term of the County Court, Judge Richard H. Tebbs on the bench, will begin in this town next Monday. At this term the persons indicted lynchers will be tried.

Mrs. J. B. N. Berry and J. H. Berry, of Harrisonburg, Va., have rented a storeroom. The firm-name will be the pany, and the business will be managed by Mr. J. H. Berry. Mr. Frank Orrison, of Round Hill, a

prominent cattle dealer, met with a painful accident at Bluemont last week. dition has at no time been dangerous. Colonel J. H. Saunders, of Danville, is visiting his father, Mr. Henry Saunders, of this town,

Mr. James Forsythe has been in Wash-ington with relatives and friends. Miss Musa King, of Alexandria, is

visiting Miss Brownie Johnson.

Miss Bessie Mann, of Petersburg. Va. returned to her home Tuesday, after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. C. A. English. Mrs. Adin Laycock is spending her va cation at Colonial BBeach.

Mr. H. A. Thompson and Judge J. B. McCabe, who have spent their vacation in the West, came home on Monday. Mrs. William Hawling returned Tues

Mr. John H. Alexander, a prominent attorney of this place, is attending court in Woodstock, Va.

Mrs. Hattie Clagett has as her guest Mrs. Rebecca Gray and Miss Cora Gray of Winchester, Va.

Miss Lillie Thompson is visiting Misses Lizzie and Gertrude Newton, of Alexandria.

Among those attending the Warre Horse Show from Leesburg and vicinity last week were Senator and Mrs. Henry Fairfax, Aldie; Mr. and Mrs. E. B Fairfax, Aldie; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, of Leesburg; Mr. John Ryan, of Arcola; Mr. John White, Mr. William Metzger, and Mr. Satterlee.

### **CAUGHT 2.000 MULLETS**

Dysters Plentiful, but They Are Only Catching Planting Stock Now.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FERGUSON'S WHARF, VA., Sept. 6-

Fish are getting plentiful again. Captain Billy Woolley, the veteran fisherman, caught two thousand mullets in Burwell's Bay last night.

The oyster season has opened. Oyster men report that oysters are plentiful, but not very fat yet. They are only catching planting stock yet. Will not commence shipping before October.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Bay View Methodist Church. Rev. John DeShazo, the pastor, is assisted by Rev. Frank Watson, the York county evangelist. Large crowds are in attendance, notwithstanding the rainy weather, and prospects are good for an old-fashioned Methodist revival. The farmers in the neighborhood here

ost a large quantity of fodder this week by the heavy rainfall.

Mr. Charles J. Moody has opened a commission and general merchandise husiness The store house is at Burwell' Bay, which has been vacant for the past

two years.
Miss Hallie Bagwell, who has been vis iting her sister, Mrs. Dr. W. L. Ward, left for her home in Baltimore this week left for her nome in Battimore this week Misses Mary Williamson and sister, who are spending a month with Mr. John Norsworthy, of Carrollton, will leave for Alexandria to-day.

Mrs. William M. Carter and daughter,

Miss Mattie Mountcastle, and Mr. Richard Wooldrige, of Church Hill, are visiting Mrs. R. R. Turner.

A large three-mast schooner is loading with pine piles at Ferguson's Wharf for

New York for the James River Railway E. T. Poole, is loading lumber for New port News at Burwell's Bay.

### Passing of the Sod House. The last sod school house in South

Dakota is soon to be destroyed. With the passing of the sod house one of the landmarks of pioneer life in the north

west will disappear.

The sod house in northern Iowa is assoicated with the return of the soldiers from the Civil War. Of the many thoucivil life, very many came to know the varmth and the cleanliness of the old sod house: Many a prosperous township to-day, with its elegant homes and expensive outbuildings, began as "Sod Town" back in 1865-65. The sod house was primitive, but it was comfortable, and it testified to the inge-

mity of the pioneers. It sheltered a hardy, intelligent, inventive and confident people, who were willing to put up with the present for what they saw in the future. Their confidence has not been betrayed. Their patriotic and patien abor has been rewarded. The sod house is not an unpleasant, but a pleasant

## SEPTEMBER DAYS AT THE HOT SPRINGS

The Opening of the New Golf Club House Social Event.

AN ELEGANT RECEPTION

A Number of Richmond People Arrive af the Army and Navy Are Also There.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) VIRGINIA HOT SPRINGS, VA., Sept. .-September is always a beautiful month at the Springs, and there has ben an unisually large number of arrivals during the last few days. Those who have spens the summer at the sea-shore, like the

mountains for a change. The social event of the week was a rention to open the new golf club-house Monday afternoon, when the west side of pretty receiving room by an artistic ar-There was music by the or

Sterry poured tea at separate tables as-sisted in serving by a dozen young girls dressed in white. Among those present Mrs. John Branch, of Richmond; Mrs. Foraker, Miss Foraker, Mrs. erin and Mrs. and Mrs. Horace H. Wescott, of Wash Walsh and Miss Josephine Walsh, of Cinleans, and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clinton Lee, of Philadelphia, their daughter and four sons arrived Thursday; others from the Quaker City are Mrs. Jacob C. Cramp. Miss Irene Gramp, Mrs. Benj. C. Tilghman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Brooks and daughters and others. Mrs. Thomas Branch is here from Rich-

ond; and Mrs. Robert S. Bosher and the Misses Bosher, who arrived Friday morn-

daughter, Mrs. Samuel Reber. Lieut. Arthur B. Niblack of the navy is also here from Washington. Others from the Cap-ital are Mrs. Joseph C. Audenried and M. and Mrs. Walter Stilson Hutchins. Mrs. Edward S. Latimer is here from Wilmington, N. C. with her daughters, Judge and Mrs. William H. Jackson are ate comers from Cincinnati.

oving their attractive cottage on the mountian side as usual. Other cottages open are those of Mr. M. E. Ingalls and Mr. Frederic Sterry, which are beautifully located opposite the Homestead.

### DEEP-WATER PLANTING

Failure of an Ovster Industry from Which Much Was Expected.

HAMPTON, VA., September 5 .- The ex-

This result comes after a vast expenditure of labor, thought, ion of this question in the recent Legislature carried with more interest than years ago Captain Frank W. Darling conceived the idea that oysters could be grown successfully in the deep waters of the Chesapeake, and so finally convinced that it would be a good plan, he ommenced making arrangements to tree the experiment, and placed the matter before the Legislature last winter, Cap-tain Darling was joined in the project by Captain John C. Robinson, a veteran oysterman. These gentlemen secured the services of Attorney W. W. Woodward, of the firm of Jones, Woodward and Philips, in order to have a bill passed by the Legislature, granting them the right to plant oysters in the Chesapsake Bay at the rate of ten cents per acre, with a resconable increase in the lease. When the bill was asked for a howl went up from the oyster precincts. These repre-sentatives of the oyster territory thought that Messrs. Darling and Robinson had discovered something that would yield. a big return, and they wanted them to usual lease of \$1 per acre. Mr. Woodward old the Legislature that if they wanted this that the matter might as well drop at once and quickly.

This then put the matter in a new

light, and after a month or more of dis-cussion from time to time the Legisla-ture dropped its price to twelve and a half ents per acre for the first five years, wenty-five cents for the second ears, and fifty cents for the next tens The gentlemen accepted these terms, and

the deal was on.
Operations were at once commenced. and 5,600 acres having been taken up, they planted these in shells and oysters at an expense of about \$15,000. Of course confingent expenses were not included. An inspector of the ground for the past several weeks and up to within a few days ago, shows that the experiment so far has been an absolute failure, as not a single strike can be found. This how-

ever, has been an unusually bad season for strikes, and it may be possible that in another season this will not be the The oysters, however, that were planted there are thriving very nicely, and it would seem plausible that the propogation of the bivalives would follow, were the conditions of the season favorable. Oys-termen, however, regard the fact that there cannot be found a single strike that

the experiment is a failure. The grounds planted were opposite the mouth of Back River and near Lymsha-ven Bay. This is where the huge pile of coyster shells that were at the Darling

Not In a Prize Fight Editor of The Times:

house went

Sir,—In your issue of September 5th 2 am reported to have participated in a prize fight at the engine-house on Bareton Heights on the night of September

4th. I simply want to state that there s not a word of truth in the report.
SAMUEL WILLIAMS
Berton Heights, Vs., Sept. 1968.